

SHIP OWNERS PLAN IS BOSS CONTROL OF HIRING HALLS! WORKERS-REJECT IT!

Stevedores Aroused Against Ryan's Deal; Won't Return Until Seamen Settle!

Youth Will Unite Against War and Fascism May 30

Will Turn "Memorial Day" Into Campaign
Against Jingo Propaganda

Working youth and students
will unite in mass demonstration
against war and fascism on
National Youth Day, Wednesday,
May 30.

All up and down the coast,
special demonstrations to rally
all young workers and students
to this struggle have been orga-
nized under the leadership of
the Youth League Against War
and Fascism and the Young Com-
munist League.

These demonstrations are the
answer of the working-class youth
to the bosses' attempt to make
of May 30th, "Memorial Day",
an occasion for jingoism, pre-
paredness and chauvinism.

In San Francisco, the main
demonstration will take place
on the Embarcadero, between
Market and Mission streets, at 2
o'clock. Here the young workers
and students will demonstrate
against the shipment of munitions,
and urge the striking long-
shoremen and seamen, among
whom there are many young
workers, to form more commit-
tees to stop munitions shipment.

Mobilization for the demon-
stration will take place at vari-
ous points in the city, including
Jefferson Park, Gough & Eddy
sts, and at 765 Howard st., at
noon.

A mass meeting at 121 Haight
Street that evening will again
raise the demands of this fight-
ing united front against war and
fascism.

Sports Meet at L. A.

Los Angeles youth are planning
to start off their day with a
workers' sport meet and soccer
game at Poly High School, at
Washington ave., near Grand.

Following this, there will be a
mass demonstration at the Plaza
from 3 to 5 o'clock, and a mass
meeting, with speakers and en-
tertainment, at the Orange Grove
Theater, 730 S. Grand st., at 8
o'clock.

In Sacramento, the young workers
and students will demon-
strate in the Plaza at 2 o'clock,
and will be joined there by delega-
tions from Stockton and Modo-
desto.

In San Diego, there will be a
sports meet including a baseball
game at Balboa Park in the
morning, and that afternoon the
anti-war and fascism demonstra-
tion will be held at Newton Park
at 1:30 p.m.

Oakland young workers will
join the United Front which is
putting up a struggle against
the notorious anti-picketing or-
dinances of Alameda County. As-
sembling at Lafayette Park, 11th
& Jefferson sts., at 12 o'clock,
one hour previous to the protest
meeting against these ordinances,
the youth will put forward their
own demands in the fight against
war and fascism, and then
join in the general demonstration
being planned by the Civil Rights
Committee. That evening, a
youth program will be held at
the Workers Center, 645 22nd st.,
with speakers and entertainment.

**S. F. Food Price
Rise 15 to 35%;
In U. S. 19%**

The San Francisco News an-
nounces that price increases of
food products in comparison
with a year ago, amount to
from 15% to 35%. The per-
centage in increase of the fol-
lowing representative commo-
dities is given:

Steer beef 5%, mutton 25%,
ham and bacon 21%, crackers
15%, salad oil 21%, canned
peaches 32%, canned peans 30%,
syrup 23%, beans 35%, laundry soap 26%.

For the country generally,
based on 51 large cities upon
which the government com-
piles its statistics, prices of
food a year ago were 90.4%
of the 1913 average, while at
the end of April they were
107.4% of the 1913 average—
a rise of 19% for the one
year.

Have you wages been raised
to at least meet this 19%?

L. A. Jobless Will Demonstrate June 1st at Law Building

RELIEF WORKERS PROTEC-
TIVE UNION LEADS
FIGHT

LOS ANGELES, May 25th.—
Workers of Los Angeles County
under leadership of the Relief
Workers Protective Union, will
demonstrate at noon front, June
1st, before the Law Building at
132 No. Broadway, headquarters
of the county welfare and office
of Earl C. Jensen, superintendent
of charities.

Demands are:

1.—For adequate milk and
food.

2.—For adequate cash relief
for all unemployed (\$10 a week
with \$3 additional for each depen-
dant).

3.—For Unemployment Insur-
ance (H. R. 7598).

4.—Against forced labor on the
garden plots.

At Whittier on Monday, 50
workers stormed the relief sta-
tion, defied the sheriff's deputies,
and forced the manager's state-
ment of approval of their de-
mands. Five individual griev-
ances were given prompt atten-
tion.

At Jefferson and San Pedro
sts. in Los Angeles, 40 workers
defied the 17 armed cops, forced
recognition of their committee
and got all individual grievances
adjusted.

At Walnut Park, the workers
secured a promise from Gifford,
manager, to oppose forced labor
on the garden plots. Gifford
challenged on his stand toward
scabbing activities going on in
South Gate, declared emphatically
against any use of the welfare
department to promote this
activity.

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Local Nominations.

Conferences to nominate local
and State Legislature candidates
have in some cases already taken
place, and many are scheduled to
take place during the coming
weeks.

**Arrest 3 Western
Worker Sellers;
One Gets 30 Days**

METROPOLITAN LOCALS OF THE RW
PU SENT A COMMITTEE OF 30 TO
THE LAW BUILDING AND FORCED
JENSEN TO TALK TO THE COMMITTEE
IN PERSON. JENSEN DECLARED THAT HE
WOULD TALK ONLY TO ONE SPOKES-
MAN, BUT GAVE IN TO THE MILITANT
OF THE COMMITTEE'S RANK AND FILE.
INDIVIDUAL CASES, AFTER
MANY PREVIOUS STALLS, WERE AD-
JUSTED.

The San Francisco nominating
convention is scheduled for Sun-
day, June 9th, 10 a.m. at 230
So. Spring St. They will nominate
assemblies, state senators, and
congressmen. The call to the
organizations, including a copy of the
platform urges the organizations to bring in propos-
als.

The Fresno County nominating
convention will be closed with
a mass meeting on June 10th,
at which state and local candi-
dates will speak.

San Diego will hold its nominating
conference on May 31, at 8 p.m. in the Workers Center.

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**Three in San Joaquin Valley Given Year
In the Pixley Jail For Demanding Relief**

LILLIAN DUNN, F. HICKS, AND M. HARDY WERE
FRAMED UP ON "RIOT"; MONROE FREED

TULAR, Cal., May 25.—Two
workers, soon to become mothers,
were sentenced to one year in the
county jail for the crime of de-
manding adequate relief.

Arrested six weeks ago at the
time that a mass of 100 workers
congregated on the relief of Tice's
st. Pixley to demand adequate
relief, Francis Hicks and Lillian
Dunn, expectant mothers, and
Marion Hardy were sentenced to
one year on framed char-
ges of "rioting".

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had to be given by deputies or
detectives. This did not matter to
the jury, however, for the entire
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who were determined to bring
in verdict of guilty against the
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up the militant movement of the
unemployed.

The steel workers showed
their solidarity with the long-
shoremen, as we steel workers
expecting our own strike soon
know that we may soon need
the help of the longshoremen.

During the lodge meeting,
the main business was devoted
to discussing the coming steel
strike in the entire country,
and preparations for it.

—Amalgamated Member.

Attempts at intimidation, not one
worker who was at the meeting
could be made to testify that a
riot took place, or give any evi-
dence whatsoever against the
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to Governor Ralph, Sacramento,
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berson, and to District Attorney
Haight, Visalia, Cal.

One hundred per cent solidar-
ity of the Pixley workers who
had attended the demonstration
showed how the workers of Tu-
lare County are backing these
framed workers. Every witness
who appeared for the prosecution
was either a deputy or a detective.
Despite the most brutal

2,000 Cheer Gallagher at L.A. Meeting

MASON THEATRE IS
TOO SMALL FOR THE
LARGE CROWD

LOS ANGELES, May 26.—Before
an audience that jammed every available seat, Leo Gallagher
last night spoke at the Mason
Theatre, reporting on his part in
the defense of Dimitroff in Nazi
Germany, and exposing the Hitler
reign of terror. Two thousand
workers and sympathizers were
able to crowd in to the theatre
while hundreds had to be turned
away. Every larger hall in the
city had been refused for this
meeting, including Shriners' Auditorium, which had been orig-
inally hired and then cancelled by
the Shriners.

Hundreds of workers greeted
Gallagher at the depot when he
returned to this city where for
years as International Labor De-
fense attorney, he defended hun-
dreds of cases of workers jailed
for class activity. Immediately
after arriving Gallagher went to
the San Pedro waterfront where,
in the Moose Hall, he spoke to
the striking longshoremen and
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Comm. Candidate Gets 8637 Votes in Portland Election

TWO OTHER CANDIDATES GET
4105 AND 2430 VOTES IN
RECORD RED VOTE

PORTLAND, Ore., May 23.—
That the Communist Party here
is rooting itself deeper into the
masses is illustrated by the fact
that in the recent primary City
election the C. P. candidates for
City Commissioner: Louis Olson,
steel worker and N. A. Mack-
rill, a railroad worker received
4105 and 2430 votes respectively,
and that

SAN FRANCISCO, May 28.—
Burson, who sells the Western
Worker on the waterfront was
given 30 days by Judge Dunn,
when arrested the second time
for the "crime". Two others,
Lohrie and White were also ar-
rested. White is still held for
\$1000 on a "vagrancy" charge.

The case is being appealed,
and will be fought to a finish
as this is an effort to ban the
sale of the Western Worker on
the streets.

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Steel Workers Give Stevedores \$34.00

PITTSBURG, Cal., May 27.—
At the last meeting of the
Amalgamated Assn. of Iron,
Steel and Tin Workers Local
No. 9, after the business was
over a rank and file member
got up and moved that a col-
lection be taken to help the
striking longshoremen. The
motion carried unanimously
and over \$34.00 was collected.

Previous wages paid in the
pea fields were 15 cents a ham-
per, with a 2 cents bonus for the
workers who stayed over for the
duration of the entire crop, and
22½ cents an hour for workers
working on an hourly basis, most
of whom were Filipinos. New
wage scales are 19¢ a hamper
straight, with hourly wages run-
ning from 22½ to 25 cents.

Ninety-five per cent of the
pea-pickers came out on strike
and on Tuesday, the day after
the strike was called, no work
at all were in the field. The
next day the bosses succeeded in
rounding up only 25 scabs.

Wednesday night, a committee
of the growers met with union
representatives and the County
arbitration board. The farmers
at that time offered 19 cents per
hamper and 22½ cents per hour,
which the workers at first re-
fused.

Next day, thirty new deputes
and workers were bottled up in their
camps, making it impossible for
them to get out and picket. In
intimidation of workers, especially
of Filipino workers, became more
vicious, and individual Filipino
workers were attacked and run
out of town by the thugs.

The following day, with the
relief situation very critical and
with pickets still bottled up in
their camps by deputes or
detectives. This did not matter to
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Red Squad Raids Marine Workers San Pedro Hall

PLACE CHARGE OF "SUSPI-
CION OF CRIMINAL SYNDI-
CALISM" ON SIX

BULLETIN
SAN PEDRO, Cal., May 27.—
Tom Knudson, an old-timer on
the Pedro waterfront and member
of the I. L. A. of long standing,
died of wounds inflicted during
the same Red Squad attack when
Dick Parker was murdered.

SAN PEDRO, Cal., May 27.—
The offices of the Marine Workers
Industrial Union were raided
twice by the San Pedro Red
Squad Saturday night. Six workers
were arrested and beaten, and
those jailed were R. Dyer, R. Mc-
Elroy, Art Grogan, Joe Flair,
Louis Sheffel and Helen Rose.

After the papers had been read
as being held for investigation
of "Criminal Syndicalism", two
were held on traffic charges, one
of the charges two years old.

One, admittedly a case of mis-<

Berkeley City Open Tennis Tourney Bars Negro Players

**League of Struggle
For Negro Rights
Calls for Fight**

**WHITE CHAUVINISTS POINT
TO LAWS OF NATIONAL
TENNIS ASSN.**

BERKELEY, Cal., May 24.—Pointing to discrimination against Marion Wildy and Edward Wilson, local Negro tennis players who were barred from the Berkeley Open City Championships, the League of Struggle for Negro Rights, is asking all working-class and fraternal organizations to cooperate in the struggle against this Jim-Crow policy.

This tournament, for which Wildy and Wilson had made applications and had already received receipts for their entry fees, is to be played on the court of the exclusive Berkeley Tennis Club from May 19 to June 2, but nevertheless it is listed officially as an "open tournament".

In the summary of results printed, the Negro players were listed as having lost "by default". How far this is from the truth is clear from these facts:

When prepared to take the court at two o'clock Sunday, May 20, the Negro doubles team was informed that their applications could not be accepted, as it was a matter of the color line. Some of the arguments of the tournament chairman and those of his committee and their absurdity can be briefly summarized:

1.—That it was written law of the National Tennis Association to bar Negroes from any tournament sanctioned by this organization (even though in this local tournament Japanese and Filipinos are playing, and it is a known fact that Negroes have played in the City Tournaments of Los Angeles).

2.—That the Negroes have an Association and tournaments of their own.

3.—That the term "Open" tournament means open as far as allowing players from other cities to enter and providing they were not Negroes.

4.—The assumption on the Committee's part that the white players did not want to play against Negroes.

In their nervous anxiety to rid the tournament of race players, the entry fees were returned, but the signed receipts were not required.

Only three weeks previously these same players were refused entrance to the Oakland Pest Enquiry (Open) singles tourney. However the method used here was somewhat different. Finding out in some way of their being Negroes, the only application blanks "not received" were those of Wilson and Wildy.

The Chairman of the Tournament Committee is Ray Kline, an official of the Federal Land Bank of Berkeley, and also a member of the Berkeley Tennis Club. He gave the same old argument that as far as he was concerned he would like to see us play, but the other members of the committee felt it was necessary to enforce this written law. He was asked if he had ever seen this rule and he said no. He stated that the matter had come up before in a San Jose tournament when a Negro girl was allowed to play, and that the father of a white girl threatened to sue. This is a ridiculous lie—there are no grounds under which a suit could be filed. Negroes play in the Los Angeles (open) tournament which his sanctioned by the U. S. Lawn Tennis Association.

After having all his points made ridiculous by ready answers—Kline became upset after about twenty minutes. He said how this hurt him, but after all, "don't feel bad, you aren't out much". That this last statement showed his real attitude, and all this "nice" playing was in-sincere. He ended up by saying, "if I were in your place, I would not want to play with anyone not wanting to play with me." —E. Wilson.

**Picket Jailed For
Stealing Own Car;
Held for Two Days**

LOS ANGELES, May 23rd.—Three of us, Jerry Ellis, Art Lasker and Abe Bernard of L. A. were just returning from picket duty on Berth 178 in Wilmington, Sunday at 2 p. m. Fifteen policemen, led by the red squad leader Abbott, stopped us and demanded to know what we were doing. We answered that we had been picketing for the seamen and showed our picket cards. After threatening us for a while they searched the car, took our picket cards and some ILD leaflets we had.

They finally booked us on suspicion of grand theft because Jerry Ellis didn't have his ownership papers for the car. Of course it wouldn't have taken them two hours to find out that it was O. K., but they kept us two days in San Pedro jail and photod and fingerprinted us at Central Station.

Tuesday afternoon we were taken back to San Pedro jail and released. Meanwhile the red squad had emponuted Jerry's car and we had to pay \$1.50 storage charge although the cops had told us originally that there would be no storage charge.

Jerry Ellis was arrested for stealing his own car and had to pay \$1.50 to get it back.

**Voted Socialist All
His Life — But Now
Will Vote Communist**

**WHITE CHAUVINISTS POINT
TO LAWS OF NATIONAL
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BERKELEY, Cal., May 25.—Dear Mr. Dancy: I just want to tell you how glad I am because of the answer to the Pacific Rural Press in the Western Worker regarding Communism. All thinking people know that fellow just a would-be retainer of the profit system. Just as sure as the sun came up this morning you will get my vote on election day, and also the vote of my boys and girls.

I am almost 60 years old and have voted the Socialist ticket all my voting years except the first one, but as you know there is a vast difference between Socialism and the Socialist Party. So I cast in my lot with the Communists. Upton Sinclair is one big joke. You see, he has promised the people relief to get votes from the unthinking, and they are many.

—Wm. Sinclair.

**Worker Tells Why
He Will Cast Vote
For Pat Chambers**

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 25.—I want to congratulate the comrades that have taken part in the State nominating convention for proving to the workers that the Communist Party is not like other parties—it is more than just office-seekers, and it has proved that it is a workers' party by nominating workers for office.

Now, for the first time in my life, and I am 45 years old, I have seen workers taking real interest in a man running for some kind of office. That man is Pat Chambers. I meet workers from all over the state, and I have not found one that did not have a good word for him.

I met an old man today that said he had not voted in 20 years, but that he was going to register and vote for Chambers. He said he knows nothing about the Communist Party, but that he was in the Valley with Chambers and that Chambers had proved he was a worker and a leader of the working-class.

**"Use Troops in Imp.
Valley?" — Sinclair
Refuses to Answer**

SAN DIEGO, Cal., May 25.—When Upton Sinclair spoke in San Diego recently the Communist Party issued a leaflet exposing him as a political faker. On the back side of the leaflet were 13 questions for Sinclair to answer.

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**Cotton Choppers
at Button Willow
Sleep on Floor**

**BOSS USES RACE DIVISION TO
SPEED-UP WORKERS**

BUTTONWILLOW, Cal., May 27.—On the H. H. H. Ranch at Buttonwillow the workers after a hard day's work, chopping cotton in the Buttonwillow hot sun at back-breaking speed, have to sleep on the floor of the shacks, with plenty of mosquitoes to help along the misery. In the day time we have all the flies that the toilet and bag-pen can afford, for they are but thirty yards from the boarding house.

The man-hackle bathroom is only made for one man and the other 37 workers have to wait their turn while the alkali dust they got covered with during the sweaty day keeps on stinging, like you were covered all over with ants.

Divide Workers.

This ranch is a swell example of how workers are used against each other, on race lines. Two Negroes are the pace-setter and driver, and they try to make as many men give out as they can. At night they say, "We ran five ten men away today", trying to give the impression that only good men like themselves can stay on the job.

And for all this they are not paid one cent more than the other workers, and the bosses of course, don't give them any favors, and in front of the white workers sneer at them.

The other night at quitting-time, the truck got stuck, and we had to wait to get started back to camp. So these two went back to chopping more cotton, and the boss said, to us, "I wish the truck would start, we'd leave them to chop their way back to camp." But he keeps them just to get more work out of us.

We are supposed to be satisfied, and rejoice at the chance to save the 4000 acres of cotton on the south side of Buttonwillow from the weeds, so that the bosses can get a nice big crop of eight or ten thousand bales. Yet for all the work we do, the bosses does not even give us a bed to rest on at night, or a bit of mosquito netting to keep them and the flies out. And they will keep on that way, and keep men to drive us, so long as we let them. We should organize, and the Cannery & Agricultural

THE TRIAL OF DICK PARKER'S MURDERERS

By Eva Gerson

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Over five hundred men and women filled the "workers courthouse", listened, weighed the evidence and judged, in spite of strict orders from Pete Peterson, local I. L. A. president, for the strikers to keep away from the trial.

The words of the witnesses were sharp and clear-cut, unwavering in their simplicity. These were the actual eye-witnesses of the cold-blooded murder. They heard the whizzing of the bullets, saw their ranks break with the falling bodies of their companions, were stricken blind and made deathly sick by the tear-gas bombs thrown into their midst by the police and thugs.

**I. L. D. ATTORNEYS
PROSECUTORS.**

The prosecutors were three International Labor Defense attorneys, Frankel, Cohen and Johnson. Here, they knew that justice would be done, the swift, certain indictment of those responsible for the murder, both the actual killers and those behind the scenes directing the reign of terror against the militant strikers.

One after another, the witnesses took the stand, identified themselves, and described in clear and concise words, the occurrences as they took place that night.

It was around 11:30 p. m. when three groups of strikers, numbering altogether nearly 300 men, converged upon the stockade on Harbor Blvd. in Wilmington, within which were domiciled a large number of scabs. Suddenly, one of the men called out "Boys, let's go. They're seabs, taking bread from our mouths." Seventy-five feet away, the stockade faced them, and before a step towards it was made by any of the men, the play of large numbers of searchlights blinded them. Tear-gas bombs dropped a dense screen of smoke, and bullets began whizzing, flashing in the darkness.

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**CORONER'S JURY
REPORT.**

Attorney Cohen then took the stand, testifying to the farce carried on at the coroner's inquest the day before, when absolutely no attempt was made to apprehend the murderer of Dick Parker. No effort was made to prevent the gun from which the fatal bullet was fired. Every policeman stated that he did not shoot into the strikers, two had claimed they shot into the air to scare off the men, and no attempt was made to dispute this testimony. One striker, however, whose testimony was left to the end in an effort not to permit him to appear, upon Cohen's repeated demand that he testify, was finally called, and he identified Hannefield, the ex-Los Angeles policeman, now a hired thug of the ship-owners, as the man who had fired at him and struck him in the shoulder. Hannefield refused to testify on the constitutional ground that he might incriminate himself. The verdict of the coroner's jury had been that it was unknown who had killed Hannefield, the ex-Los Angeles policeman, now a hired thug of the ship-owners.

But it was the moribund capitalist system now introducing its last card, fascist terror, in its struggle to survive, which was condemned.

Although this was a so-called "mock" trial, it gave the workers a taste of what working-class justice will one day mean.

BREAK SKULLS.

Question by Attorney Johnson: "Do you believe that the police are giving the workers a break and not antagonizing them?" The answer was, "They are but thirty yards from the boarding house."

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We are supposed to be satisfied, and rejoice at the chance to save the 4000 acres of cotton on the south side of Buttonwillow from the weeds, so that the bosses can get a nice big crop of eight or ten thousand bales. Yet for all the work we do, the bosses does not even give us a bed to rest on at night, or a bit of mosquito netting to keep them and the flies out. And they will keep on that way, and keep men to drive us, so long as we let them. We should organize, and the Cannery & Agricultural

In Honor of A Comrade



Part of the funeral parade of more than 5000 workers who followed the remains of the young longshoreman, Dick Parker, murdered by the San Pedro Red Squad. The procession included every union on strike in the waterfront struggle and the marchers returned with a greater determination than ever to win this fight in which Parker and Knudson were killed.

(Photo by Works Film & Foto League, L. A.)

**THERE IS
NOTHING TO
SAY**

By Roberta Evans

On the corner of Pacific and Ninth streets, San Pedro, California, a silver colored casket was carried from a funeral hall into a black hearse. For blocks the streets were crowded with thousands of strikers and their families and friends waiting for the hearse to start for Roosevelt Cemetery in Gardena, ten miles away. As the long black automobile rode slowly down the street, one thousand men marched after it, walking eight abreast. They were paying tribute to their young fellow worker, Richard J. Parker, 20-year-old I. L. A. dockworker who was shot and killed Monday, May 14, 1934.

For one mile, they followed the slowly moving vehicle on foot and then got into automobiles which formed the beginning of the funeral procession. After them came more machines, and then still more until a solid column of machines, numbering nearly a thousand, stretched like a wall over the road from San Pedro to Gardena. Riding in the middle of the line it was impossible to see beginning or end. But in front and in back one saw the black tops of the machines, and on the windshield of each auto was placed the somber warning — FUNERAL. All traffic on roads crossing the route of the procession was stopped and special policemen controlled the flood of cars. More than 15,000 participated in or witnessed the parade and cortege. During the entire time that the funeral cortege was passing, many policemen bowed their heads and held their hats over their hearts with their right hand, but their left hands touched the long riot clubs.

BLANKS HELL.

"Blanks hell, look!" and another man showed them his bloody shoulder. Near them a man dropped, and was carried away by his companions. Later they learned it had been Dick Parker.

His anxiety to get back to the picket line communicated itself to the audience through his short and staccato replies, which so dramatically brought the tragedy and horror of that night into the hall. The climax of his testimony was reached when attorney Frankel asked:

"Were you armed?"

And he replied: "This was what I was armed with," as he raised his clenched fist high.

The tense quiet of the room suddenly crashed into loud applause as the workers cheered the young striker. Upon his leaving the stand, someone in the audience called out, asking whether he wanted any guards to go back with him to the picket line, to which the young seaman answered with a loud and indignant "No", and hurried out amidst the continued applause of the audience.

TOLD OF STRUGGLES.

The Director of the Los Angeles Workers School, also present at the coroner's inquest, then spoke from her experience of working-class struggles in this country and abroad. She told of Gastonia, Elizabethtown, Patterson, Kentucky, where she fought side by side with workers in the mines, mills and factories.

Another eye-witness was called, but someone arose to say that the man was now in jail, one of a group of eleven who were arrested when the headquarters of the Marine Workers Industrial Union was raided by the red squad the night before.

FEAR DEMONSTRATION.

But this time the police had nothing to fear. The I. L. A. officials proudly admitted that they worked hand in hand with the Red Squad to avoid "rioting" and "violent demonstration". A thousand cars followed the hearse. Five thousand people thronged in and about the cemetery, but besides a perfunctory religious service, muffled by a surprised priest, NOT ONE WORD WAS SAID IN SORROW OR PROTEST AT THE GRAVE OF RICHARD PARKER.

20 - YEAR - OLD MURDERED LONGSHOREMAN! To all intent and purpose his end was a natural one. No one was accountable for it. To ruthlessly, deliberately crush life from a youth was, according to the reactionary I. L. A. officials, no just cause for "violent demonstration", nor protest.

Before one-fourth of the people had alighted from their machines, the priest had already said his holy words and was holding his white surplice and riding away. Soon after that a number of the I. L. A. members with white printed badges on their arms marked "Patrolmen" began asking the people to leave. Increasingly the crowd awaited. Union members, rank and filers of the Fishermen's Union, Seamen's Union, and other workers stood dumbfounded. No one could believe that the body of young Richard Parker was being lowered forever into the earth without a demand being made for the prosecution of his murderers.

But it was the moribund capitalist system now introducing its last card, fascist terror, in its struggle to survive, which was condemned.

East of the Rockies

National Guard Kills 3 Toledo Pickets

TOLEDO, Ohio, May 24.—Three strikers were murdered and hundreds seriously wounded here today when 740 National Guardsmen, called out to break the strike of the Electric Auto-Lite workers, fired into the 5000 militant pickets who surrounded the plant. Indicative of the support which exists for the strikers, the National Guard of Toledo was not regarded as "reliable" by the bosses to attack their fellow-workers, and the guardsmen had to be imported from Columbus.

Postmen Fight Against Jim-Crowism

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 20.—Seventy substitute postal workers, here from New York to demand passage of HR-6560, a bill providing for immediate filling of post-office vacancies, packed up and left two hotels in which they were quartered when four Negro members of the delegation were refused admission to the same hotels. Subjected to the same Jim-crow conditions at the Salvation Army, to which they applied, they were finally housed by their fellow-employees in Washington who were in complete accord with their fight against Jim-crowing and discrimination.

Hopkins Admits 4 Million on Relief

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 17.—Harry L. Hopkins, federal administrator of relief, today admitted that there are at least 4 million individuals on relief now. He did not say, however, how many millions there are who need relief desperately and have none; neither did he say how many millions were dependent on the relief which these 4 million are getting.

Board Admits NRA Is Bosses' Weapon

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 20.—Admitting for the first time the validity of the Communist attack on the NRA as a weapon for the big capitalists against the masses, the Review Board headed by Clarence Darrow declared "The choice is between monopoly sustained by the government, which is clearly the trend of the NRA, and a planned economy, which demands socialized ownership . . . Under the codes the cost of living increases, but wages have not risen accordingly." The conclusions of the board, however, were of a reactionary nature, urging restoration of "free competition" and the anti-trust laws.

War Dept. Rushes War Plane Building

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 24.—Rushing ahead the army's aviation program, bids for ninety attack planes were asked by the War Department this week. This is three times the amount set for this time, according to the original plans, the additional sixty being part of the 1935 program.

Thirty of the planes are to be purchased with \$7,500,000 from PWA funds, and the others from appropriations to be immediately asked from congress, instead of next year. In addition bids will be asked before July 1st for more than 200 bombers, pursuit, observation and other planes.

The new attack planes are specified as having a high speed of 200 miles per hour, 170 m. p. h. operating speed and six hours endurance at operating speed.

6 Alabama Strikers Freed For Lynching

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 21.—Six of the twenty-one strikers, arrested during the bloody Alabama iron ore strike which resulted in the outright murder of six strikers, have been released from prison on orders of the White Legion, fascist murderers who are guiding the brutality of the police thugs. The workers were released in order to give the Legion an opportunity to lynch them.

4200 Workers Picket Real silk Plant

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 22.—Twelve hundred sympathetic pickets joined in with the three thousand workers of the Real Silk hosier mills in picketing this plant, on strike against an order of the NRA Labor Board to accept the results of a fake election, here today.

New Social-Fascist Party Forms

MILWAUKEE, Wis., May 22.—In an effort to build an American social-fascist party which will derail the masses of workers moving towards the Communist Party, the "Progressive" party, under the leadership of the LaFollettes today declared itself to be a separate political party on a national scale.

Crews Quit, Refuse Captain's Bribe to Move Ship 'Topila'

MANY SHIPS TIED UP IN TACOMA; ISU RANK AND FILE COME OUT

TACOMA, Wash., May 23.—The oil tanker "Topila" arrived at this port on May 16, and was promptly struck by the Marine Workers Industrial Union. One delegate aboard had tried to get the men to strike in San Pedro in sympathy with the longshoremen, but they were not ready at that time. When the ship arrived in Tacoma, member of the MWIU went aboard and announced that there was a strike on. The port organizer of the MWIU followed this up, and lined up most of the boys.

Next day the crew held a meeting and elected a strike committee, which, in conjunction with the MWIU organizer, went to the ship "Golden Cloud" where the men had already walked off, and proposed united action in striking and picketing with the ISU. One reactionary member of the ISU wanted to chase the boys out of the house where the ISU men stayed on shore, but the crew told him to keep his mouth shut.

Come Out Despite Leaders.

After discussion, the ISU men decided they could do nothing because Pete Gill, the secretary of the ISU in Seattle, was not there. The ISU had not sent a single delegate to Tacoma. The ISU men have come out on their own account. The "Topila" is being picketed by members of its crew and unemployed sympathizers.

The captain of the "Topila" offered the pickets \$50 each and the MWIU \$500 if they would allow the vessel to go to Seattle to unload. This was of course refused. The MWIU had good cooperation from the longshoremen, but the leadership of the U.A.W. is trying to split the longshoremen from the seamen and unemployed. Seven ships are tied up, 2 American, 2 British, 1 French, and 2 Japanese.

Strike Reporter.

Workers! Get Subscriptions to the Western Worker from your friend and fellow-workers! One year \$2.00; 6 months \$1.00; and 3 months 60¢.

Cordova Framed On Leaflet Charge

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., May 25.—Raoul Cordova, working class leader of this section, was today framed by the local court on charges of having thrown a leaflet on a lawn announcing the May First demonstration.

The Darrow Report — The "Small Man" Kicks Against NRA — Why Hitler Broke Down and Wept — Mussolini Gives Some Economics — His Philosophy on War — Hearst a Guest of Hitler and Mussolini —

NEGRO LONGSHOREMEN PROVE SOLIDARITY

Bosses Build Negro Union to Get Scabs But Get a Surprise

TWO NEGRO LONGSHOREMEN UNIONS UNITED WITH THE OTHER STRIKERS

SAN PEDRO, Cal., May 26.—Two great examples of the solidarity of Negro and white workers was shown here this week when the longshoremen association composed of more than 700 Negroes refused a ten-year contract at present wages if they would go to work at once. The Negro workers indignantly refused this scabby proposal and came to the ILA and pledged their continued support of the strike. The ILA members cheered and promised there will be no Jim-crow policy in the union but that after the strike is won Negro workers will be given equal opportunity to work on the docks.

The other instance is ral to the bosses. The Fink Hall Marine Service Bureau, when the strike threatened in March, organized several hundred Negroes hoping to have strikebreakers when the strike came. But when they were expected by the bosses to go to work, the Negroes refused to scab and are taking their place beside the other workers on strike.

Active Communist "Vagged", Slugged on the Waterfront

SAN FRANCISCO, May 20.—Showing their true Fascist colors, the San Francisco "Red Squad" last Sunday arrested Comrades Segal and Foster on the waterfront and took them to the basement of the Central Police Station. There two members of the squad took Segal aside, questioned him, and then slugged him because of his refusal to answer the questions and because of his long record of work in the Communist Party.

The next morning in court, Judge Dunn asked Segal where he got the blood on his shirt, and was told that the testifying officer was one of those responsible, and that the methods they had used on him were nothing else but Fascist terror. Segal was given a 60-day suspended sentence on the usual charge of "vagrancy", a vicious, anti-working class charge always used by the bosses. Foster's case was dismissed.

Puerto Rican Worker Cheated By Forced Labor Camp Foreman

HAYWARD, Cal., May 26.—John Martinez, a Puerto Rican worker of Decoto, was sent by the welfare board to work at the single men's camp at Davenport for \$20 a month plus room and board. When he reached there, it was a different song. He was working 6 hours a day at 30 cents an hour, with 50 cents a day discounted for board.

A few days later, the foreman told him if they wanted to work for \$5 a month they could take it or get off the job. Martinez quit, but he has now been waiting eighteen days after quitting and hasn't received his pay yet.

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World Events and Western Workers

Black and White — Unite and Fight!



Committee Forces Relief To Act To Aid Negro Woman

UNEMPLOYED COUNCILS JOIN L. S. N. R. IN FIGHT ON DISCRIMINATION

SAN FRANCISCO, May 25.—Denied relief, Mrs. Elston, a Negro worker of 1617 Golden Gate Ave., came to the Workers' Center at 1223 Fillmore St. to ask for help, and next morning a committee from the League of Struggle for Negro Rights and the Unemployed Councils went to visit her.

It was found she lives with and supports her father (who is paralyzed) and her mother. Mrs. Elston was getting \$12 a month for rent. She has receipts to prove that since last October she has paid \$155 in rent to Mrs. Rotanzi, who owns this house and another one at 751 Page St., and whose husband is a cop. Because Mrs. Elston's mother could not leave her sick husband alone in the house, the daughter went down and applied for relief in her mother's name.

Mrs. Elston was "arrested" in the home of a friend and hauled off to 51 Gough St., where they held a kangaroo trial and refused her any relief.

Monday, three Negro and white workers went to the Turk St. relief station to demand Mrs. Elston be put back on relief.

Miss Pickney, notorious anti-Nazi, anti-working-class "social worker", met the committee arrogantly. When she saw that we intended to see this thing thru to the end, she referred us to Miss Hyman at 51 Gough St. Miss Hyman tried to provoke the committee, but was forced to send an investigator.

Try to Sign Scabs in Stockton, But Strikers Stop It

STOCKTON, Cal., May 25.—Yesterday J. E. Spenser, a ship-owners' agent, came here from San Francisco to sign up scabs through the Government Free Employment Office for work in San Francisco. But he figured without the strikers here.

The relief fakers here are trying to prevent the growth of the union by threatening to cut any body off relief who joins it, but this is having no effect, as the workers know that if they organize and march down in a body they can get their relief restored.

If you complain, you get a dishonorable discharge, and if that isn't enough you are sent to the Big House. We are expected to take anything that is given us, and remain good galley slaves. I got sick and asked for medical attention, but the doctor said to try and stick it out, but have only used it to try to fool a few workers.

—Worker Correspondent

Take Carpenters Jobs.

They have another very bright idea how to get the old vets to scab on their comrades. When our company was located at Wolf Creek, Oregon, the government gave all the vets a little bronze button for good behavior and excellent conduct. To get these buttons you had to be a 100% scab.

Up to that time they had paid from \$5 to \$6 a day for carpenters to do building. These car-

penters were mostly men with large families. Well, they cut that out and put the vets at it.

Vets were urged to take these jobs in order to get the bronze buttons, and at the same time take the jobs away from the carpenters.

(ED. NOTE: The veterans in this camp should organize, and present their demands together. Workers in many other camps have had their grievances cared for by such mass action).

Foreign News Briefs

Four Hamburg Communists Beheaded

HAMBURG, Germany, May 20.—Attempting to lay the basis for the execution of Ernst Thaelmann, soon to be "tried" in the courts of the Nazi butchers, four Communists were beheaded yesterday by Nazi executioners on trumped-up charges of "having been involved in the death of a storm-trooper."

6000 Killed in Chaco Clash

ASUNCION, Paraguay, May 25.—Six thousand workers were killed today in a battle for the control of Fort Ballivián, Bolivian stronghold, in the conflict between American and British imperialist puppets in the Gran Chaco.

Japanese Air Bombs Kill 1000 Partisans

SHANGHAI, China, May 24.—Unable to wipe out the resistance of partisan bands who have been rebelling against the domination of Japanese imperialism and fighting for the extension of Soviet China, reports reached here today that Japanese military airplanes had swept over twenty farm villages dropping bombs which wiped out the villages, killing 1000 workers and injuring many more.

German Exports Drop 21% in Month

BERLIN, Germany, May 18.—A catastrophic drop of 21 percent in German exports for April over March, when in all previous years exports had increased in April over March, was admitted by Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, president of the Reichsbank.

Austrian Prisoners on Hunger Strike

WARSAW, Poland, May 18.—Communications received from working-class prisoners in Austria report that many of them have been held without examination in jail ever since the February struggles, and that they are now going on a political hunger strike to demand their release.

USSR Protest Slanders in Hitler Speech

BERLIN, Germany, May 20.—Protests against slanders against the Soviet Union, made by bloody Hitler in his recent "Labor Congress" speech, including the notoriously discredited charge of starvation in the USSR, were lodged by the Soviet Charge d'Affairs here with the German Foreign ministry.

Militarists Aim Coup in Japan

TOKYO, Japan, May 26.—Fifteen high officials connected with the Ministry of Finance or the government-supported Bank of Taiwan, including Vice-Minister Kuroda, have been jailed for selling 10,000 yen worth of bank securities to friends for almost nothing. Using this growing scandal as a cover, troops are being distributed throughout the country as if for a fascist coup. Gen. Ugaki, fascist leader, is to arrive from Seoul May 28, and the disputes which were rending the capitalist front as various factions seeking the premiership. The fascist move is being pushed by the war machine as they are meeting with resistance in their plan for pushing the war campaign in North China immediately.

SP Heads Withdraw Funds as Bank Crashes

PARIS, France, May 26.—Latest reports confirm the fact that Socialist leaders, who with other reformists and federal functionaries, controlled the Banque des Co-operatives and its affiliated branches, withdrew their funds well in advance of the crash which had made for the bank were in war industries.

Fascist Dictatorship Set Up in Bulgaria

SOFIA, Bulgaria, May 24.—Following immediately on the heels of the establishment, with the support of King Boris, of a Bulgarian fascist dictatorship, a reign of terror against the Communists has been launched. 800 were arrested the first night, including many local Communist mayors and other officials in interior towns. The coup is a desperate move resulting from fear of the growing influence of the Communist Party, the intensification of the crisis, and the disputes which were rending the capitalist front as various factions representing Britain, France, Germany and Italy strove for dominance in this Balkan country. The new regime announces a program for unemployed, similar to Hitler's concentration camps, as a means to try to break the revolutionary movement.

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Cheats House Boy, Says "What Can You Do About It?"

"WE MUST ORGANIZE AND FIGHT," DOMESTIC WORKER DECLARER

SACRAMENTO, Cal., May 24.—We, the domestic workers, including large numbers of Filipinos and Japanese, are being more oppressed daily. We must unite in order to smash the sort of treatment we receive.

My employer, Mrs. Jennie Clinton, 4300 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, hired me as a houseboy. The hours are from 6:00 a. m. to 8:00 p. m. including Sunday; the wages are \$15.00 a month.

I had been with her for 10 days, but I decided to resign, because the conditions are unbearable. When I told her about it, she said, "So you are one of the kind who really don't want to work, eh?" Well, there are plenty who would be glad to work in my household just for board and room, and thank God for it.

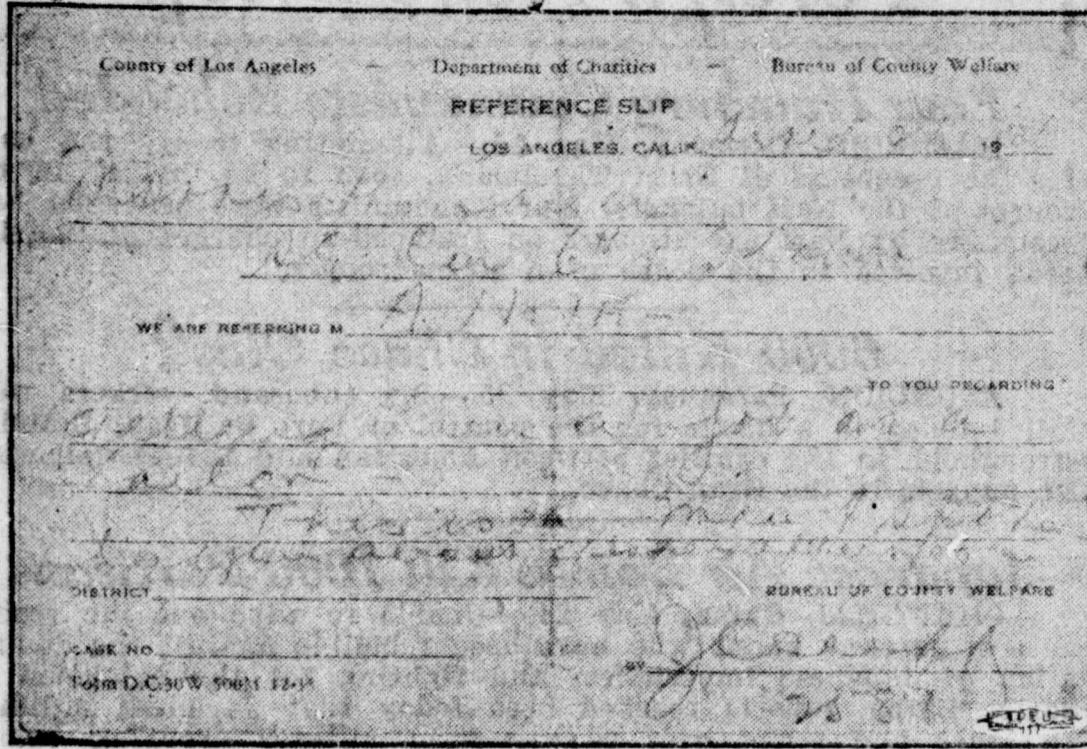
When I left, she paid me \$3 instead of \$5.00, the amount to which I am entitled, and which she promised to give me. She started to give me a lecture, and said that was all I was worth. Then she asked me what I could do about it.

I can do nothing about this case by myself. We need united action to stop the exploitation of domestic workers. That will make the employers take notice. —George Fong.

San Diego Labor Scates Maintain AFL Won't Fight

SAN DIEGO, Cal., May 22.—O. C. Heitman, president of the San Diego Federated Trades and Labor Council, revealed the fake role of the AFL of L leadership in a statement he made before the

Proof of the Charities' Scab-herding



CCC Boss Attacks Boy, But Boy Gets the Jail Sentence

LEARN'S NEED OF UNITED ACTION IN CAMP WHEN STRIKE WINS DEMANDS

FRESNO, Cal., May 25.—My wife and I were living in Youngstown, Ohio. I was out of work six months and was forced to get a mealy relief order of \$2.50 per week. When the CCC camps were started I immediately joined up thinking we could pull thru until Roosevelt's promised prosperity should return.

The boys of town and I left for the camp April 11, 1932. At Fort Knox, Kentucky, we were put to work immediately driving trucks. We worked from 18 to 24 hours a day processing the boys that were newly arriving.

After 3 months we were moved to Three Rivers, Calif. As a reward for our hard labor in Ky., we were promised a dandy place but when we got there we found nothing there but a nice big bed of rocks. We had to actually build the camp. It took 9 days to move the rocks before we could build anything so we slept outside during that time. It was very cold and we were given only two blankets.

Win Better Food.

The second day that we were there the boys all went on strike because of the mealy food. After breakfast the boys wouldn't go to work because the food had been so rotten and they didn't get enough of it. The boys held out until their demands were won and they were served a bigger and better breakfast. We saw very clearly that if we would listen to what the company commander said we would have to live on promises so we organized together and fought until we got our food, clothing, and other necessities.

About a month ago the captain tried to put me on K. P. duty. My work was truck-driving and nothing else so I refused. The captain got angry and made a setback. Legionnaire leaders headed by one Hoke Smith, were recruiting scabs at the South Gate Relief Station, a self-help group at Post and Victoria streets. Most of those recruited were told that they were to take jobs not on strike. Nearly 20 were reported sent to the harbor, many of whom came back when they had found what the jobs were.

The Firestone sub-section committee went into action immediately.

A leaflet was distributed near the relief station and throughout the neighborhood.

Communists Stop Scab-Herding of Relief Office

SOUTHGATE WORKERS HALT RECRUITING OF JOBLESS ON CHARITY

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Stop Scab-herding.

The effect was immediate. About half of those who frequented the relief station stopped going there. Members of the city council, which leases the property and turns it over to the American Legion leadership for administration, immediately attempted to deny any part in the episode. Scab-herding ceased.

The leaflet, however, showed clearly how the city council was responsible.

TONIGHT A COMMITTEE APPEARED BEFORE THE COUNCIL TO DEMAND ASSURANCES THAT THERE WILL BE NO REPETITION OF THE OFFENSE.

MEANWHILE THE SOUTH GATE COMITTEE LED A DEMONSTRATION OF UNEMPLOYED AT THE COUNTY REEF STATION IN WALNUT PARK. THE DEMAND THAT STRIKE-BREAKING FORM NO PART OF THE COUNTY PROGRAM WAS ADDED TO THE ECONOMIC DEMANDS PRESENTED.

Kicked Out of Union By Fakers; Fired, Not Being Cheater

ACTIVE RANK AND FILE SUSPENDED BY OFFICIALS OF COOKS' UNION

AND YOU WORK 12 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK UN- DER BLUE BUZZARD

COWELL, Cal., May 26.—This town is owned and operated by the Cowell Portland Cement Co. and the Mt. Diablo Cement Co.

They hire and agree to pay their laborers \$2.30 per day with the understanding that you must pay for board and room on the premises. For this they charge the small fee of \$1.35 a day.

They also have a medical fee of \$1 a month, which ties you down. They are one of the active rank and file who are fighting the little bureaucrats in control of No. 402. Since they couldn't gag him on the floor, they gagged him by suspending him. The executives violate so many of the technical rules it is hard to keep track of them. But they didn't suspend themselves, of course.

A member of the Cook's No. 402, was recently suspended on the excuse that he hadn't observed some technicality of turning in his card while employed part time. The real reason for his suspension was the fact that he is one of the active rank and file who are fighting the little bureaucrats in control of No. 402.

They will not say the food (for which you pay 40c a meal plus sales tax) is not fit to eat. But you can buy better meals for 10c in many places. They have a cook who has Wm. Jennings Bryan and his 16-to-1 backed off the map when it comes to diluting the canned milk. And it must be ten years since some one threw a pound of coffee into Lake Superior to make the stuff they still serve here as coffee. The eggs, too, are of truly ancient vintage.

I have never been in worse sleeping quarters, and they insult your intelligence by giving you occasional clean sheets and pillow slips to cover the filth.

In case you get sick, you are sent to the county hospital, and I have never been able to find out who gets the \$1 a month medical fee.

But there's one thing about them. They fly the Blue Eagle, and they don't make you work more than 12 hours daily, seven days a week.

70-Yr-Old Comrade Slugged by Thug on Stockton Waterfront

STOCKTON, Cal., May 20.—Comrade Butler, an old man of 70 years of age and blind in one eye, but still a militant revolutionist, was helping out the longshore strike here by carrying around a sign advertising the showing of a Soviet movie. Part of the receipts from the showing were for the striking longshoremen.

Outside the ILA Hall, he was set upon and beaten by a hooded man who knocked him down and broke his sign and his glasses.

Another banner was made and a joint defense committee from the ILA and the Communist Party was organized and protected him for the rest of the day.

Nothing for me. I am out of a job now, with the rest of the 11,000 here, but I am enclosing 60 cents for a 3-month subscription to your paper, which would make a lot of money for lawyer and the courts.

R. S. A.

The Marine Workers Speak

By Myrto Childe

and tired of conditions and not being able to get a job."

From Honolulu had come the Associated Tanker "M. A. Whitaker." An AB station man volunteers the information. The crew was 100% organized in the ISU. This seaman had walked off in San Francisco, the crew took the ship on to Seattle where word has been received that the 100% ISU members walked off. "Now am I a member of the Marine Workers Industrial Union," said the striker. "Why did I join?" "Because those darned officials in the ISU have too much pique."

"But," said the steward, "of course you know that we were signed up 100% in the Marine Workers Industrial Union. We all shipped in Baltimore from the Centralized Shipping Bureau which is run by the marine workers themselves." The young Negro said: "Sailors, firemen, messmen, we are just like that," and he held up two fingers closely together.

The "President Hayes" came in from New York the day before the strike of the seamen was called.

When one of the firemen went ashore he met some longshore pickets. He went back on the ship and pulled the crew out.

There were 110 in the crew, 40 in the deck department

and 10 in the engine room. The members of the ISU aboard made the excuse that they had signed articles and refused to come out.

A merry-eyed old Swedish sailor came over to borrow some stamps. "I'm writing to my sister," he confided, "the Swedes sailors that sailed out of here won't never get another job in Sweden. I spotted the scabbing birds. You're a union man in Sweden or you don't ship," he added, "or they'll NEVER work again."

A very neat-looking little man was in close conversation with one of the strikers. It was impossible to hear what they were saying in the din of the surrounding hubbub of the strikers' hall. "That's the old man, that's the captain of our ship," said a burly oiler. "he came in to wish us well, all the officers are with us."

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SEEING RED!
By Kirby

Portland Strikers Chase Seabs from 'Floating Hotel'

NO CARGO HAS BEEN WORKED SINCE THIRD DAY OF THE PORTLAND STRIKE

By a vote of 297 to 31 a group of western college students decided that there is no hell, the Literary Digest tells us. But that vote was taken before they tried scabbing on the waterfront.

Overhead on a street-car: Sleek, well-dressed man, "These strikes make me sick. Things ain't like they used to be. We haven't got any good loyal workers any more."

"Yeah?" said the man next to him. "And how much do you pay them?"

After seeing a couple of the recent crop of films, one will agree with the writer who described Hollywood as a place where you have to use a typewriter instead of a shovel.

LAND OF OPPORTUNITY:

"Choreman, handle chickens, garden; over 50 years; \$10 a month and found."

—On board at State Employment Agency.

"German Labor Is Now Getting A Taste of High Living", the United Press declares, citing as instances the "leisure now enjoyed" by workers and the excursions to scenic places that thousands have taken. In the first case, "leisure" is just a ten-dollar word for unemployment, and the scenic places are concentration camps. Aside from these two little details, the story is as correct as the U. P. generally gives.

BRIGHT SAYINGS OF CHILDREN—

"The Blue Book Union is a bonafide union of longshoremen and they were satisfied . . . The present method of hiring (the shape-up) was the one evidently desired by the men . . . The fact that cargo can be handled more rapidly than a few years ago is not due to the fact that men were driven or speeded-up, but solely because of labor-saving machinery . . .

—Waterfront Employers' Union.

Pu-Yi has cut off his pig-tail, symbol of the ancient Manchu rulers, according to the latest scandal from Manchukuo. Preferring, no doubt, to be a Japanese tail.

"You've got a hell of a good strike and a good chance to win," says Joe Ryan to the longshoremen on his arrival. But those chances weren't improved one bit with the arrival of the fat-boy who "settled" the strike of the Gulf and Atlantic stevedores.

Taking coal to Newcastle has nothing on the present situation on the waterfront since one Honolulian ship had to take her pine-apples back to Hawaii again and now a Japanese steamer leaves S. F. for Japan laden with silk.

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WATERFRONT EMPLOYERS' UNION

Editorial Column

What Decoration Day Means To Us

What does Decoration Day mean to a worker, a poor farmer, or any person who is being oppressed under capitalism?

It is a reminder that in past wars it was for them to shed their blood so the bankers, industrialists and landlords may grow richer, while, as we see, the lot of the toiling masses is becoming worse.

Thinking people will not be blinded by the sentimental angle that is given Decoration Day celebrations, under the guise that they are commemoration of the dead soldiers. This is only to throw a veil over the fact that the wars in which thousands died were to defend the profits and investments of the capitalist class.

No one could seriously question this who knows the consequence of the world war. Of the 65 million, virtually all workers and farmers, mobilized to do the fighting, there were a total of 37,494,000 casualties according to the U. S. War Dept. These were divided as follows:

8,538,315 — Killed.
21,219,452 — Wounded.
7,750,919 — Missing and Prisoners.

Of these casualties, the United States had a substantial share. While on the other hand several thousand new millionaires were created.

But perhaps nothing illustrates the hypocrisy of capitalist patriotism more than the way the war victims and veterans who still remain alive are treated. The graves of Bill Hushka and Eric Carlson in Arlington Cemetery, killed while fighting for the bonus in Washington, are a symbol of that. The patriotic speeches of the "public spirited" men who lay a flower on a grave while fighting any measure that may aid the veterans who are still alive, or supporting future war plans, should be denounced as the worst hypocrites and enemies of the working people.

But this year Decoration Day ceremonies will not pass so smoothly. Hundreds of veterans now in Washington to demand the bonus and return of compensation cuts will serve to remind the capitalist politicians that millions no longer fall for their bunk, but are continuing to make their demands. They have already tested Roosevelt's promises and found them as empty as Hoover's.

In addition, throughout the country, tens of thousands of young workers will turn Decoration Day into National Youth Day. At demonstrations they will pledge a ceaseless struggle against war, and war preparations.

Recovery in Relief Figures

How successful the Roosevelt Recovery program, now in its second year is, can be judged from the most recent figures on the number receiving relief in California. From the report released by R. C. Brannon, Emergency Relief Director, we learn:

The number of people in 124,574 families now depending on relief, and this does not include those who have SERA or any other such work, was 471,000 at the end of April. This is a 40.3% increase over March 1934. (43% increase in number of families). In Los Angeles, the figure reached 236,945 persons, a 46.7% increase over March, while in San Francisco it was 54,512 persons. How much of an increase we have since April can be seen from the latest report in San Francisco WHERE THE NUMBER ON RELIEF ON MAY 17th WAS 69,171.

Added to the above are 42,408 resident single people on relief in the state. This is an 20.8% increase over March.

And this during the month when the agricultural and cannery season opens. During a month when many were still on CWA jobs, and after more than half of those who were on relief before CWA started were taken off.

The above does not include those single workers in camps and similar projects which yield \$5.00 a month and "board".

The situation in California is spread over the entire country. Hopkins, Federal Relief Administrator, announced that 4,000,000 are on relief now — an all-time record. These are family heads and single people.

When the NRA was inaugurated, Hopkins reported 3,000,000 were on relief.

We will grant that there is a small increase in the number of employed, as compared with March 1933, but it is insignificant compared with the number unemployed—still 16,000,000. In the meantime, millions more at their very last resources are forced on relief.

The administration has no solution and admits it frankly. Hopkins stated that local governments will henceforth have to bear the chief relief burden.

The local governments in the meantime as in San Francisco are wrangling over budgets — to cut them, but relief is their last worry. Recently we hear a great deal of talk of cutting off relief such as "are not entitled to it" giving SERA work as a "test", and in Los Angeles the scheme of making public the names of those on relief is conceived of.

All indications point to greater difficulties for those who will seek relief. It is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain rent. This means that our unemployed organizations, which with few exceptions, are inactive at present should seriously consider an immediate program of action.

This should go hand in hand with the campaign of the Unemployment Insurance Bill H.R.-7598 now before Congress, and is backed by thousands of A. F. of L. locals and other organizations.

Workers School Opens Drive for Summer Session

MANY POPULAR COURSES ADDED; CLASSES START JUNE 11

SAN FRANCISCO, May 28.—Opening the drive for the summer session, the San Francisco Workers School announces that a record registration is expected. Close to 500 students registered for the Spring Session and a considerably greater number is expected in the coming term.

A wide variety of popular new courses is offered, answering the questions which all the thinking workers are now asking themselves. The school is making special arrangements to provide courses which will take up the problems of organization of the workers in basic industries, particularly railroad and marine transportation, oil and agricultural.

New Courses Added.

The following courses have been added: Economics and Politics of the New Deal, instructor, George Morris; World News (a weekly Marxist review), instructor, James Branch; Economics and Politics of Fascism, instructor, Charlie Gordon; The Pacific—Next Theatre of War, and Why Communism? The latter course should be especially in-



"THE MESSMAN'S EYES"

By Carlitos

At six bells every morning, the messman would carry the coffee-tray up to the captain's quarters. He would knock on the door and wait for the gruff—"Come in". Then, lifting the hook, he would enter and place the tray on the table. The captain would be sitting in his pajamas on the edge of the bed, yawning and scratching his chest. The messman would leave, replacing the hook. The captain would glare after him and groan under his breath: "Damn his eyes!"

He didn't like the messman. He didn't like his silence, his remoteness, his lack of emotion. He never could get an inkling of what the man was thinking. That made the captain uneasy in his presence.

Besides, there were his eyes! Although they were devoid of expression, yet one had the illusion of mockery behind them. They always seemed to be saying: "I know something about you." Of course, the man knew nothing. Still, there were many things in the captain's career that he preferred buried and forgotten. And the messman's eyes were always digging them up . . .

Leaving Stonedock, the last port, the freighter started on its long and lonely homeward drive across the Pacific. The very first day out, one of the others reported sick. He had stomach pains and fever, so the steward gave him castor-oil and quinine. The second day, the man took to his bed. His room-mate, a fireman, had to move into the fo'c'sle, in order to get some sleep. The messman remained a half-hour with the sick man. When he came out, his bony ascetic face was just as unemotional as ever. The steward took him aside and asked:

"Is it serious?"
"Appendicitis."
"Sure?"

"Positive. Better get him to a surgeon."

The steward rubbed his chin and went to see the captain. The captain declared it was all nonsense. The messman didn't know what he was talking about. The oiler would be on his feet in a day or two. Nevertheless, the captain consulted the wireless operator about nearby ships. The closest ship, carrying a surgeon, was a passenger, 1200 miles to eastward and travelling in the same direction. That was no help.

In the afternoon, the captain had a brief talk with the messman. He found out that the patient had had other attacks before, but had paid no attention to them because they had not been acute. This time, it was critical. An operation was imperative. He advised that the ship return to Stonedock. The chances were in favor of the sick man holding out that long.

"We can't go back!" the captain snapped, avoiding the messman's eyes. To himself, he added: "Why that would set us back six days more!"

The messman shrugged his shoulders and returned to his patient. The captain damned his eyes. They had seemed to say: "Afraid of losing your job, aren't you?"

And that was the truth. Already, the ship was five days behind the calculated schedule. He had expected to catch up on the homeward run. Now, a man had to go sick on him. How could he possibly explain to the port-captain, who was unusually hard and cold-blooded. A man's life! That was nothing. The company's interests were everything. No, they couldn't go back.

The messman sat in all the time he could with the sick man. Some of the boys helped by running errands for things. The cook made liquid nourishment according to his orders. He was continually busy with his com-

presses and purgatives. He made a temperature and pulse chart and began to keep a history of the case.

That evening, long before the watches changed, he went up to the poop-deck to get some air.

He found five seamen there. One, a quartermaster, was organizer for the union.

"How's the sick man?" he asked.

The messman was silent for a moment. Then he threw a bomb: "I think he's going to die."

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"All right," said the quartermaster. "You do the best you can and we'll go into action. You'll see pretty quick what the union can do about it. Fellow! Call a meeting for ten o'clock in the fo'c'sle."

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